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Health Committee and come through the legislative process? It makes no sense to me to be setting up separate tracks on a...on a fund that has so much money in it, and that's the only point, and I'd really like to encourage the Health Committee to seize back, and the Legislature, generally, to seize back control of that money and to use it using the same approval processes that we have always used, always used for other programs in the healthcare area and in all other areas, for that matter. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. As I have spoken with many of you on the floor and off the floor, I, too, have a great deal of consternation about how this committee should act, how it should be...the reporting that is done, who is on the committee, and it certainly gives me a lot I visited the other day with Senator Beutler because I know he has an intense interest in healthcare issues. and in children issues, and told him, first of all that I...what I saw in 324 about that we, first of all, needed the confirmation process. But, also, how we should wrestle with this and I have visited with the department heads in Health and Human Services, and they have committed to me that the committee once it is set up will meet with the Health Committee, and that perhaps we even need to have Senator Wehrbein, maybe Senator Beutler, sit in on that meeting and, first of all, discuss some philosophical ideas of where we see this going, where we would like it to go. Certainly we have been diligent in the past in providing funds in the public health arena. That was one of the original intents of this, and I think we can do that. But how we should proceed in the future, and I think it would be very worthwhile to do an interim study, perhaps, even over the It's going to take six months for the committee, probably, to initiate rules and regulations and go through their process of how they see this. But then also if we had an interim that looked at these same issues during the summer, we can come back next year and make recommendations to this body on the overall oversight and regulation of this very important So I would commit to this body that the Health committee. Committee certainly will look at this issue, that perhaps we can